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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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Title: APPARATUS AND PROCESS FOR EXAMINING A SURFACE

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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action [non-final rejection] mailed on July 31, 2002, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

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Kindly amend claim 9 as follows:

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9. (Amended) A process for the remote examination of a surface, comprising (i) analysing the polarization of a light beam reflected by the said surface; (ii) taking digital images of particular polarizations of the said reflected beam; and (iii) calculating the brightness and the intensity of a plurality of points of the said surface from pixels of at least two images of the said surface.

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Kindly add new claims 25 and 26 as follows:

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15. (New) Apparatus designed to examine a surface comprising a polarization analyzer element or analyzer placed in the path of a light beam reflected by the said surface, a means for taking digital images placed in the path of the beam reflected by the said surface downstream of

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